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Mr. BLUMENAUER and Ms. ROY-BAL-ALLARD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. CULBERSON changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

# RECORDED VOTE

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—aves 231, noes 185. not voting 13, as follows:

# [Roll No. 198]

#### AYES-231

Abraham Gibbs Newhouse Aderholt Gohmert Noem Allen Goodlatte Nunes Amash Gosar Olson Amodei Gowdy Palazzo Arrington Granger Palmer Graves (GA) Babin Paulsen Bacon Graves (LA) Pearce Banks (IN) Graves (MO) Perry Poe (TX) Barletta Griffith Barr Grothman Poliquin Barton Guthrie Posey Bergman Harper Ratcliffe Biggs Harris Reed Bilirakis Hartzlei Reichert Hensarling Herrera Beutler Bishop (MI) Renacci Bishop (UT) Rice (SC) Black Hice, Jody B. Roby Blackburn Higgins (LA) Roe (TN) Blum Hill Rogers (KY) Bost Holding Rohrabacher Brady (TX) Hollingsworth Rokita Hudson Brat Rooney, Francis Bridenstine Huizenga Roskam Brooks (AL) Hultgren Brooks (IN) Ross Hunter Rothfus Buchanan Hurd Rouzer Buck Issa Royce (CA) Jenkins (KS) Bucshon Russell Budd Jenkins (WV) Rutherford Burgess Johnson (LA) Sanford Byrne Johnson (OH) Calvert Johnson, Sam Scalise Carter (GA) Schweikert Jones Jordan Carter (TX) Scott, Austin Chabot Joyce (OH) Sensenbrenner Chaffetz Katko Sessions Kelly (MS) Cheney Shimkus Shuster Smith (MO) Coffman Kelly (PA) Cole King (IA) Collins (GA) King (NY) Smith (NE) Collins (NY) Kinzinger Smith (NJ) Comer Knight Smith (TX) Comstock Kustoff (TN) Smucker Conaway Labrador Stefanik Cook LaHood Stewart Costa LaMalfa Stivers Costello (PA) Lamborn Taylor Cramer Lance Tenney Crawford Latta Thompson (PA) Lewis (MN) Culberson Thornberry Curbelo (FL) LoBiondo Tiberi Davidson Long Loudermilk Tipton Davis, Rodney Trott Denham Love Turner Dent Lucas Upton DeSantis Luetkemever Valadao DesJarlais MacArthur Wagner Diaz-Balart Marchant Walberg Donovan Marshall Walden Duffy Massie Walker Duncan (SC) Mast McCarthy Walorski Duncan (TN) Walters, Mimi Dunn McCaul Weber (TX) McClintock Emmer Farenthold McHenry Webster (FL) Wenstrup Faso McKinley Westerman Ferguson McMorris Williams Wilson (SC) Fitzpatrick Rodgers Fleischmann McSally Wittman Flores Meadows Fortenberry Meehan Womack Foxx Messer Woodall Franks (AZ) Yoder Mitchell Frelinghuysen Yoho Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Young (AK) Gaetz Gallagher Mullin Young (IA) Murphy (PA) Zeldin Garrett

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remain-

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So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 34, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE SUBMITTED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 230) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 34) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications

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Commission relating to "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services", on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 232, nays 184, not voting 13, as follows:

# [Roll No. 199]

YEAS-232 Gohmert Abraham Newhouse Aderholt Goodlatte Noem Allen Gosar Nunes Amash Gowdy Olson Granger Graves (GA) Amodei Palazzo Arrington Palmer Graves (LA) Paulsen Bacon Graves (MO) Pearce Banks (IN) Griffith Perry Poe (TX) Barletta Grothman Barr Guthrie Poliquin Barton Harper Posey Ratcliffe Harris Bergman Biggs Bilirakis Hartzler Reed Hensarling Reichert Bishop (MI) Herrera Beutler Renacci Bishop (UT) Hice, Jody B. Rice (SC) Higgins (LA) Black Roby Blackburn Hill Roe (TN) Holding Blum Rogers (AL) Hollingsworth Bost Rogers (KY) Brady (TX) Hudson Rohrabacher Brat Huizenga. Rokita Bridenstine Hultgren Rooney, Francis Brooks (AL) Hunter Roskam Brooks (IN) Hurd Ross Buchanan Issa Rothfus Jenkins (KS) Buck Rouzer Bucshon Jenkins (WV) Royce (CA) Johnson (LA) Budd Russell Burgess Johnson (OH) Rutherford Johnson, Sam Byrne Sanford Calvert Scalise Carter (GA) Jordan Schweikert Joyce (OH) Carter (TX) Scott, Austin Chabot Kaptur Sensenbrenner Chaffetz Katko Sessions Kelly (MS) Cheney Shimkus Coffman Kelly (PA) Shuster Cole King (IA) Smith (MO) Collins (GA) King (NY) Smith (NE) Collins (NY) Kinzinger Smith (NJ) Comer Knight Smith (TX) Kustoff (TN) Comstock Smucker Conaway Labrador Stefanik Cook LaHood Stewart Costello (PA) LaMalfa Stivers Cramer Lamborn Crawford Taylor Lance Tenney Culberson Latta Thompson (PA) Curbelo (FL) Lewis (MN) Thornberry Davidson LoBiondo Davis, Rodney Tiberi Long Tipton Denham Loudermilk Trott Dent Love Turner DeSantis Lucas Upton DesJarlais Luetkemever Diaz-Balart MacArthur Valadao Donovan Marchant Wagner Walberg Duffv Marshall Duncan (SC) Walden Massie Duncan (TN) Walker Mast Walorski McCarthy Dunn Walters, Mimi McCaul Emmer Farenthold McClintock Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Faso McHenry Ferguson McKinley Wenstrup Fitzpatrick McMorris Westerman Fleischmann Williams Rodgers Wilson (SC) Flores McSallv Fortenberry Meadows Wittman Foxx Meehan Womack Franks (AZ) Messer Woodall Frelinghuysen Mitchell Yoder Yoho Gaetz Moolenaar Gallagher Young (AK) Mooney (WV) Garrett Mullin Young (IA)

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Wilson (FL)

Scott, David

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the vote). There are 2 minutes remain-

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

#### RECORDED VOTE

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 231, noes 189, not voting 9, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 2001

#### AYES-231

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Poe (TX) Poliquin Posev Ratcliffe Reed Reichert Renacci Rice (SC) Roby Roe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rohrabacher Rokita Rooney, Francis Roskam Ross Rothfus Rouzer Royce (CA) Russell Rutherford Sanford Scalise Schweikert Scott, Austin Sensenbrenner Sessions Shimkus Shuster Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Smucker Stefanik Stewart Stivers Taylor Tenney Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tiberi Tipton Trott Turner Upton Valadao Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman

#### NOES-189

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> > Wilson (FL)

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Thompson (MS)

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# NOT VOTING-9

Marino Rooney, Thomas Scott, David Pittenger J. Simpson Ros-Lehtinen Price (NC) Slaughter Rush

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE SUB-MITTED BY THE FEDERAL COM-MUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 230, I call up the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 34) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services", and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 230, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

#### S.J. RES. 34

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services" (81 Fed. Reg. 87274 (December 2, 2016)), and such rule shall have no force or ef-

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce

The gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE) each will control 30 minutes.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on S.J. Res. 34.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume

Mr. Speaker, I do rise today in support of S.J. Res. 34, which disapproves of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to protecting the privacy of customers of broadband and other telecommunication services.

I applaud Senator FLAKE's work on this issue, as S.J. Res. 34 was passed by the Senate last week. I also filed a companion resolution in the House.

The FCC finalized its broadband privacy rules on October 27, 2016. At that time, they assured us that the rules would provide broadband customers meaningful choice, greater transparency, and stronger security protections for their personal information collected by internet service providers, but the reality is much different.

There are three specific problems with which the FCC has gone about these rules. First, the FCC unilaterally swiped jurisdiction from the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC has served as our Nation's sole online privacy regulator for over 20 years.

Second, having two privacy cops on the beat will create confusion within the internet ecosystem and will end up harming consumers.

Third, the FCC already has authority enforce privacy obligations of broadband service providers on a caseby-case basis. These broadband privacy rules are unnecessary and are just another example of Big Government overreach. The Competitive Enterprise In-

stitute estimates that Federal regulations cost our economy \$1.9 trillion in

Since President Trump took office, Republicans have been working diligently to loosen the regulatory environment that is suffocating hardworking taxpayers.

Here is what multiple House Democrats said in a letter to the FCC last May regarding the FCC's privacy rules:

The rulemaking intends to go well beyond the traditional framework that has guarded consumers from data practices of internet service providers and ill-served consumers who seek and expect consistency in how their personal data is protected.

Further, FTC Commissioner Joshua Wright testified before Congress that the FTC has unique experience in enforcing broadband service providers' obligations to protect the privacy and security of consumer data. He added that the rules will actually do less to protect consumers by depriving the FTC of its longstanding jurisdiction in the area. Once again, these rules hurt consumers.

Incredibly, former FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler referred to the internet as the most powerful and pervasive network in the history of the planet before these rules were even created. I found this really odd because it implied that the FTC regulation had indeed been successful and ought to continue, ultimately undermining his own rationale for additional FCC privacy regulation.

Now, there are a couple of myths that are going around that I want to take the time to dispel. Our friends claim there will be a gap for ISPs in the FCC privacy rules when they are overturned. This simply is false, and let me tell you why. The FCC already has the authority to enforce the privacy obligations of broadband service providers on a case-by-case basis.

Pursuant to section 201 of the Communications Act, they can police practices of the ISPs that are unjust or unreasonable. Sections 202 and 222 also protect consumers. It is already in statute. So I encourage my friends to read title II of the Communications Act. Also, the State attorneys general have the ability to go after companies for unfair and deceptive practices.

Third, litigation is another avenue consumers can pursue against ISPs for mishandling personal data. Service providers have privacy policies. If they violate the policy, guess what? They can be sued. I know Democrats will certainly understand that, as they have many trial lawyer friends, and I urge them to speak to the trial bar.

Fourth, the free market is another great equalizer. Can you imagine the embarrassment for an ISP that is caught unlawfully selling data? We have all seen the economic fallout from something such as a data breach. Companies have a financial incentive to handle your personal data properly because to do otherwise would significantly impair their financial standing.